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BY FAX

Honorable Loretta A. Preska
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1320
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Raphael Vargas,
08 Cr. 37 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

A pre-trial conference in the above-referenced matter was scheduled for February 20, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. However, there have been on-going discussions in this case regarding a possible disposition. The Government also spoke yesterday with your deputy, Megan O'Connor, who indicated that April 2, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. would be a convenient time for the Court.

Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the pre-trial conference be postponed until April 2, 2008, and that time be excluded until then in order for the parties to continue their discussions. Howard Getz, Esq., counsel for Mr. Vargas, joins in this request.

Respectfully submitted,

SO ORDERED

Loretta A. Preska
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

February 20, 2008

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